

# Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin



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## Book Fair 5753/1992 December 6-9

From Sunday, December 6th through Wednesday, December 9th, the Parents' Association will sponsor Book Fair 5753/1992. This annual event is co-chaired by Barbara Sassoon and Joan Schreiber.

Come see what's new in the Jewish book world! Available for purchase at the Book Fair will be Jewish books for all interest and age groups.

The Book Fair's schedule of hours will be:

— Sunday, December 6th from 12 Noon to 5 P.M.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 7th through 9th from 12 Noon to 8 P.M.

## "From Generation to Generation: The Magic of Picture Books" Joint W.E.G.-Parents' Association Program Monday, December 7

Who among us has not, at one time or another, read or told a story to a young child? Whether as a parent or grandparent, sibling or relative, babysitter or friend, the joy of the reader or narrator and the listener during such an experience is obvious to all who have had it.

An opportunity to explore the meaning of this experience will take place during the Book Fair at the Park Avenue Synagogue. Ellen Handler Spitz, Ph.D. will discuss this dynamic experience which helps youngsters master their environment and creates memories that can last a lifetime.

This program, to be co-sponsored by the Women's Evening Group and the Parents' Association, will take place on Monday evening, December 7th. Light refreshments will be served at 7:30 P.M. and the program will begin promptly at 8 P.M.

Dr. Spitz has been interested in the creative process and in the psychological aspects of art. She holds a doctorate in philosophy and the social sciences, a master's degree in teaching fine arts, and a bachelor's degree in art history. She also has studied as a special candidate at Columbia University's Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research.

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## The Men's Club Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon and Party Sunday, December 13

The Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue will once again sponsor, for the 18th consecutive year, a Hanukkah Luncheon and Party for Project Ezra's elderly Jewish men and women.

This event will take place on Sunday, December 13th from 12 Noon to 3 P.M.

Every year, the Men's Club brings these senior citizens to the Park Avenue Synagogue by bus for lunch, Hanukkah gifts, singing, and entertainment by the high school students of the Judah Nadich High School.

Men's Club members are invited to participate with these elderly, quickly passing remnants of our Jewish American history, in a celebration of Hanukkah that bridges the generations, and to help make this event the meaningful annual mitzvah it has always been.

## Sisterhood's Festival of Russian Jewish Talent and Arts and Crafts December 16 at 1 P.M.

By popular demand, the two outstanding Russian Jewish artists, George Shakhnevich, accordionist and pianist, and Simon Napolnay, operatic vocalist, who received standing ovations at Sisterhood's Strawberry Festival in May, 1992, will again delight Sisterhood members and their friends with their performances. In addition, they will be joined by Leonid Levin, a gifted violinist, formerly with the Moscow Symphony Orchestra.

Following the program, participants will be invited to view an exhibition of paintings and beautiful handmade jewelry by Russian Jewish craftsmen which will be available for both sale and orders.

This Festival, sponsored by Sisterhood, will be produced by and for the artists. The cost will be \$10 per person at the door. A delicious Russian dessert will be served.

Mark your calendars now. Plan to attend this very special event!

**COLD WEATHER IS HERE!  
THE DAILY MINYANIM NEED YOU!**

## "A Shabbat Eve of Joyous Music" Forty-Ninth Annual Friday Evening Liturgical Music Service December 11 at 8 P. M.

Cantor David Lefkowitz has prepared a music service devoted to joyous, melodic interpretations of the prayers welcoming the Sabbath. To do this, he has used composers who have excelled in taking this approach. They include Yaacov Bergman, Abraham Kaplan, Jacob Lefkowitz, Ralph Schlossberg, Benjie Ellen Schiller, and Bonia Shur (whose music excited our congregation at last year's music service.) In addition, Cantor Lefkowitz has composed a new setting for the prayer "Ahavat Olam."

The music will be conducted by Mr. Abraham Kaplan, director of choral and orchestral conducting at the University of Washington, whose brilliant talents and musical expertise have brought a wealth of memorable and inspirational moods to the music services at our synagogue for nearly 25 years.

The voice of our cantor, David Lefkowitz, will be joined by our 18-voice Synagogue Concert Choir, with Neil Robinson at the synthesizer keyboard.

For this occasion, Rabbi David H. Lincoln will address the congregation about certain aspects of Jewish liturgical music and their importance in our tradition.

This annual Friday evening music service is a means, each year, of paying tribute to the legacy of our late Hazzan, David J. Putterman, who originated this annual service in 1943 to develop an American approach to traditional worship utilizing the creative genius of talented cantors and composers. Although the objectives and types of services have developed and changed in recent years to meet different desires and needs, the impetus and vision of Hazzan Putterman has been the inspiration which has enabled Park Avenue Synagogue's services to become, in the eyes of many, a model for our time.

This annual music service is funded by The Jack and Zella Butler Memorial Liturgical Music Endowment.

A gala Oneg Shabbat will take place on the Lower Level after the service.



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## From The Rabbi's Desk

### Lighting Up The Darkness

We've entered the winter season again. Along with the cold, we must accustom ourselves to the increased *darkness* which we face throughout the winter. Some of us leave for work in the morning — and it's still dark. Almost all of us return home in the evening when it is completely dark. The daylight hours are significantly shortened in the wintertime and we all feel the affects of increased darkness; it dampens our spirits.

In the midst of all this darkness, we, the Jewish people, light candles — the candles of Hanukkah. We start by lighting one candle, just a small increase in illumination. Candle by candle, day by day, we augment the light; we bring into the darkness of winter more and more light until we reach eight candles. Eight candles which remind us that over 2000 years ago the Maccabees were triumphant over the tyrannical Seleucid Greeks. Eight candles which remind us that the few defeated the many. Eight candles which remind us that our Jerusalem Temple was rededicated and once more the light of its menorah illumined its chambers. But our candles also remind us of one other very important truth: that the richness of the Jewish religion triumphed over the temptations of assimilation. Judah Maccabee battled so that the religion of Judaism would continue to be able to illuminate the world.

Our Hanukkah candles are beautiful and they bring a wonderful burst of light into our gloomy winter darkness. They can be symbols for us — of the beauty and richness that our religion brings to our often darkened lives. Where there is anonymity and loneliness, Judaism brings community. Where there is chaos and confusion, Judaism brings the structure and beauty of the holidays. Where there is cheating and immorality, Judaism brings prayer and comfort. Where there is tension and overwork, Judaism brings Shabbat. Where there is mindless drudg-

ery, Judaism brings intellectual brazenness.

We are in the midst of winter once again and the darkness threatens to burden our souls with gloom. But the Hanukkah candles will brighten our darkened lives if we let their light and their warmth penetrate. Let us allow those candles to remind us of the light and warmth and comfort which Judaism can bring — if only we permit it to penetrate our lives.

— Rabbi Melissa Crespy

## Celebrating Hanukkah

### When?

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev which corresponds to the evening of Saturday, December 19th through sundown, Sunday, December 27th.

### Why?

Lights are kindled in the menorah, or Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Jews over the Syrian Greeks in the Second Century, B.C.E. A small cruze of oil was found when the Temple was rededicated which surprisingly lasted for eight days instead of the expected one day, making it possible for the Jews to purify more oil for the lamp in that period of time.

The rabbis tell us that just as a small amount of oil casts a great deal of light, so did a few Jews stand against the many and the mighty in order to preserve their faith.

### How?

A menorah has places for eight lights and one more light, the ninth, called the shamash.

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## Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, December 4 . . . . . 6:15 P.M.

Vav grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Saturday morning, December 5 . . . . . 9:15 A.M.

Havurah Service . . . . . 9:15 A.M.

Friday evening, December 11 . . . . . 8:00 P.M.

### 49th Annual Liturgical Music Service

Saturday morning, December 12 . . . . . 9:15 A.M.

Friday evening, December 18 . . . . . 6:15 P.M.

Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat . . . . . 8:30 P.M.

Saturday morning, December 19 . . . . . 9:15 A.M.

Havurah Service . . . . . 9:15 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Sara Balgley

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Balgley

First Night of Hanukkah

Friday evening, December 25 . . . . . 6:15 P.M.

Seventh Night of Hanukkah

Saturday morning, December 26 . . . . . 9:15 A.M.

Eighth Night of Hanukkah

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Melissa F. Crespy will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Ira S. Bigeleisen and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

**Babysitting available for children 2 to 5 years of age every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.**

## Park Avenue Synagogue's Havurah/Beginner's Service Expanded To Twice A Month

Have you heard about Park Avenue Synagogue's Havurah/Beginner's Service? It is a service, led by Rabbi Melissa Crespy, which is designed to make everyone familiar and comfortable with the Shabbat morning service. It meets in the Edmond de Rothschild Library twice a month now, although it may become a weekly event soon. The service is traditional — conducted in Hebrew — but transliteration is provided for those who cannot yet read Hebrew. The pace is comfortable, and most of the service is sung outloud to give everyone an opportunity to really learn the prayers. The Torah portion is read and members of the group are invited up for aliyot. Members of the group are strongly encouraged to participate in the service by reading the Torah or Haftarah, by leading the service, or by facilitating the Torah discussion, which, in lieu of a sermon, is an open discussion on some aspect of the week's Torah portion. The Havurah/Beginner's Service is comfortably informal. It is a place at which questions are encouraged and where time is taken to explain what goes on in the different parts of the service.

In the Havurah Service, you'll meet about 20 lovely, warm people who are all in the process of learning about Judaism in a comfortable environment.

Join us at 9:15 A.M., and bring your children, on the following dates:

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| — December 5 and 19 | — April 3 and 12 |
| — January 16 and 23 | — May 1 and 15   |
| — February 6 and 20 | — June 5 and 19  |
| — March 6 and 20    |                  |



## Hanukkah (continued from page 2)

Generally, wax candles are used, although some menorahs are made to be used with oil and a wick.

On the first evening, the first candle is placed on the RIGHT side of the menorah. Then on each succeeding night, a candle is added to the LEFT. The shamash is lit first and the following blessings are said:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam  
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'had-  
lik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Lord Our God, King of the  
Universe, who has made us holy through His  
commandments and who has commanded us  
to kindle the Hanukkah light.

Then:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam,  
she-asah nisim la-avotainu bayamin hahem  
baz-man hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the  
Universe, who performed miracles for our  
ancestors in those days, at this time.

On the first night only, the Sheheheyanu is  
added:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Haolam,  
sheheheyanu v'kee-y'manu v'hee-gee-anu  
lazman hezeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the  
Universe, who has kept us in life, sustained  
us and enabled us to reach this season.

Then the shamash is used to kindle that eve-  
ning's lights. The kindling always starts on the  
LEFT with the candle which has been added for  
the new day and continues by moving to the  
right.

On Friday night, the Shabbat candles are lit  
after the Hanukkah lights are lit.

The menorah is often placed at a window, if  
practical, to give public recognition to God's  
deliverance of the Jews.

Special attention should be given to children's  
involvement in kindling the lights. In many  
families more than one menorah is lit, the  
children lighting their own.

### Customs?

After lighting Hanukkah candles or lights, it is  
customary to sing Hanukkah songs and to eat  
potato latkes (pancakes) with either applesauce  
or sour cream. In Israel, fried donuts instead of  
latkes are eaten.

In the United States, it has become customary  
for children to receive Hanukkah "gelt" (money),  
Hanukkah chocolate candies, and to play with  
dreidels. Also, family members tend to ex-  
change Hanukkah gifts in a "Jewish way" of  
expressing their love for one another.

Hanukkah is also a perfect time and excuse for  
having Hanukkah parties—a way of celebrating  
this victorious aspect of our Jewish history.

## We Take Pride In

**Judge Conrad B. Duberstein**, who will re-  
ceive the Brooklyn Bar Association's An-  
nual Award for Outstanding Achievement in  
the Science of Jurisprudence and Public  
Service at its annual dinner on December 8,  
1992. In addition, St. John's University  
School of Law and the American Bank-  
ruptcy Institute have announced plans to  
sponsor and host The Judge Conrad B.  
Duberstein/Moot Court Competition, a na-  
tional competition focusing on bankruptcy.

**Hon. Lewis Friedman**, upon his election to a  
14-year term as a New York State Supreme  
Court Justice.

**Menachem Rosensaft**, who, in August and  
September of this year, wrote a series of  
articles that were published in *The Los  
Angeles Times*, the *Miami Herald*, and *The  
Philadelphia Inquirer*. In these articles, he  
sharply attacked the Republican Party lead-  
ership for allowing the anti-Semitic, arch-  
conservative, Patrick Buchanan to be the  
first major speaker at the 1992 Republican  
National Convention, and for providing him  
with a "prime-time platform to propound his  
divisive views and to engage in the crudest  
possible race-baiting, gay-bashing, and anti-  
feminist rhetoric."

**Mr. Sidney D. Rosoff**, president of the Hem-  
lock Society in the U.S., who gave a  
presentation at the 9th World Conference of  
Right To Die Societies, October 23-26, 1992  
in Kyoto, Japan, on the right to die move-  
ment.

## Congratulations

The congregation offers a hearty Mazal Tov to:

Rabbi & Mrs. David H. Lincoln, upon the birth  
of their granddaughter, Natasha Reina Mar-  
rache.

Mrs. Frances Peiper, upon the birth of another  
great-grandchild, a girl, Nellie Ann Ochs  
Kroeze.

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## Couples Club Gala Champagne Ball Saturday Evening, January 23, 1993

Plans are now underway for an exciting, ele-  
gant, black tie evening of dancing to live music  
in the synagogue ballroom. This event will be  
sponsored by the Couples Club and will be open  
to all members of the Park Avenue Synagogue  
and their friends.

Further details will be announced in the Winter  
(January/February) issue of the Park Avenue  
Synagogue Bulletin. But plan now to reserve a  
table for four or five couples. This promises to  
be a spectacular affair. For information, please  
call Janet or Richard Samuels at 876-8565 or  
Shiela or Mort Braunstein at 593-0161.

In addition, the Couples Club's sale of the 1993  
Entertainment Books continues to be brisk.  
Please call Shiela Braunstein at 593-0161 or  
Helen Winter at 534-6076 to order a book(s) at  
\$30 each to begin to enjoy huge savings for  
dining, entertainment and sports events, hotels,  
parking, etc.

## W.E.G. Theater Party To "The Sisters Rosensweig" January 27

On Wednesday evening, January 27th, mem-  
bers and friends of the Women's Evening  
Group will be going as a group to see the new  
comedy, "The Sisters Rosensweig" by Wendy  
Wasserstein, author of the Pulitzer prize-  
winning "The Heidi Chronicles." The play  
focuses on a 54-year old woman, living in  
London, who is visited on her birthday by her  
two sisters. Steeped in Jewish culture and  
humor, it is a "captivating look at three uncom-  
mon women and their quest for love, self-  
definition, and fulfillment." *The New York  
Times*

The cost is \$55 per ticket. Send your check,  
made payable to W.E.G., Park Avenue Syna-  
gogue, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope  
to Park Avenue Synagogue, Attn. W.E.G.  
Tickets are limited.

## Torah Teach-In In Honor Of The 75th Anniversary of The Women's League For Conservative Judaism Wednesday, December 16th

Dinner and Lecture  
6:30 P.M.

At Park Avenue Synagogue

Speaker: Rabbi Joseph A. Brodie  
Topic: "Seduced By Virtue"

Sponsored by The League's  
Metropolitan Branch

Cost: \$10 per person.

Reservation: Please call either the  
synagogue office  
or Hanna Lyttle at 595-1351.



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## Special Letters Received By Rabbi Lincoln

Every year, Rabbi David H. Lincoln receives many letters of greeting for the New Year. Below are two of the most meaningful ones: one from President George Bush and the other from Cardinal O'Connor.

### The White House

I am pleased to offer greetings to American Jews and to Jewish men, women, and children in Israel and around the world as you observe the High Holy Days.

Beginning with the new year 5753 on Rosh Hashanah, Jews everywhere engage in 10 days of solemn self-reflection and prayer in preparation for Yom Kippur. As you conclude this period of repentance with the Day of Atonement — a day dedicated to forgiveness and renewal — you will affirm your belief in the mercy and justice of our Creator, while at the same time setting inspiring examples of charity and brotherhood.

In their emphasis on reconciliation and renewal, these observances have special significance not only for Jews but also for peoples around the globe who have benefitted from the rich cultural and religious traditions of Judaism. Here in the United States, centuries-old Judaic law and tradition helped to shape the fundamental moral vision on which our Nation was founded. With these High Holy Days, that legacy continues to shape our society, as all of us can take inspiration from your acts of repentance, tolerance, and forgiveness.

This year, the High Holy Days are also marked by a special sense of hope, as the people of the Diaspora welcome improved prospects for peace among Israel and her Arab neighbors. For the first time, the peoples of the Middle East are engaged in direct negotiations that are aimed at achieving a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace. On this occasion, Americans of every race and creed join with you in praying for greater understanding and cooperation among all nations.

Barbara joins me in wishing you L'Shanah Tova — may you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year.

George Bush

### Cardinal's Office

Dear Rabbi Lincoln:

My prayers are with and your family as you await the sounding of the shofar on the first day of Tishri.

May Rosh Hashanah be a time of renewal and joy for you. I pray that this New Year will be graced by continuous blessings upon you and your family by the King of Creation.

Faithfully,  
John Cardinal O'Connor  
Archbishop of New York

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**Workshop on Shabbat**  
**Taught by Rabbi Melissa Crespy**  
**Sunday, January 24, 1993**  
**From 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**



## Notes From The Edmond de Rothschild Library

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, November 20th through December 20th, the Edmond de Rothschild Library has the most current Judaica books for adults, teenagers, and young children available for viewing and circulation.

Treat yourself and your family to a visit to the synagogue's library. Relax and enjoy its cheerful and friendly atmosphere.

We wish to express special thanks to Mr. Gershon Kekst for his donation of the complete set (25 volumes) of the *Letters and Papers of Chaim Weitzman*. These volumes are a welcome addition to our collections, can be found on a special shelf in the library, and will be available for circulation.

The Edmond de Rothschild Library will be closed in December from Sunday, December 20th through Sunday, January 3, 1993 and will reopen on Monday, January 4 at 3 P.M.

### New Juvenile Books:

- Bergman: *Along The Tracks*
- Drucker: *A Jewish Holiday ABC*
- Edwards: *Alef-Bet*
- Edwards: *Chicken Man*, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Zimmell, in honor of Rabbi & Mrs. Lincoln's first granddaughter, Natasha Reina.
- Fisher: *Ellis Island-Gateway to the New World*
- Golden: *The World's Birthday-A Rosh Hashanah Story*
- Hest: *The Ring and the Window Seat*
- Jacobs: *Ellis Island-New Hope in a New Land*
- Klein: *The B.Y.Times*
- Lehrman: *The Store That Mama Built*
- Polacco: *Mrs. Katz and Tush*, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Zimmell, in honor of their new grandson, Jon David Schiff.
- Sanford: *The Feather Merchants & Other Tales of the Fools of Chelm*
- Snyder: *Ike and Mama and the Once-A-Year-Suit*
- Vos: *Hide and Seek*.

As of November 23rd, the library will have on exhibit and available for circulation beautiful books on Hanukkah for both children and adults.

— Susan Vogelstein, Librarian

## Mazer School's November Events

The following events will take place in November in the Mazer School of Religious Studies:

On Tuesday evening, December 1, 1992, the 7th grade will have a seminar at which a speaker will conduct a discussion with both parents and students.

• On Friday night, December 4 at 6:15 P.M., the Vav grade will conduct the Friday night service. A festive Shabbat dinner for the students and their families will follow the service.

• On Saturday morning, December 5 from 9 to 11 A.M., the Gimel grade will hold its second

parent/student "Together" program.

• On Sunday, December 6 from 11:30 to 3 P.M., the Prozdor and Alef grade will have their first parent/student "Together Art Session" conducted by our art teacher, Chad Shaaltiel.

• Sunday, December 6 through Wednesday, December 9, the annual Book Fair will take place. All parents and students are invited to visit.

• On Sunday, December 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M., the 6th annual school Zimria will take place. The topic of this exciting event will be "The Songs of Sepharad," songs sung by Sephardic Jews. Following the Zimria, latkes, courtesy of the Parents' Association, will be served.

## Our High School Students To Help Host The Annual Project Ezra Event

On Sunday, December 13, the students in our Judah Nadich High School will help host and entertain the Jewish elderly at the annual Men's Club Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon and Party.

## Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mr. Mark Berger, upon the death of his mother, Juliette Horowitz.

Dr. Joseph Feuerburgh, upon the death of his wife, Sophie Feuerburgh.

The family of the late Sylvia Heyman.

Mrs. Sydelle Rothenberg, upon the death of her sister, Sophie Feuerburgh.

Mr. Harold Yassky, upon the death of his mother, Bessie Yassky.

## Contributions

### Synagogue Offerings (Before October 1)

Mr. Burton L. London, in memory of his mother, Selma London.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Lonner, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Hanna Lyttle, in honor of Herman Berger's milestone birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Matthews, in honor of their son, Daniel Peter Matthew's 2nd birthday.

Mr. Lawrence A. Meyers, in memory of his father, Max Meyers.

Alan & Janet Moss, in memory of Seymour Katzenstein, husband of Bobie Katzenstein.

Julie Oletsky, in memory of Daniel Glass's grandfather, and Renne Glass's father.

Arlene & Reed Orenstein, wishing their daughter, Jillian, a healthy and happy New Year.

Mrs. Hilda Oseas, in memory of her husband, Israel B. Oseas.

Dr. Morris M. Podolsky, in memory of his father, Dr. Harold Podolsky.

Helen Raticoff, praying for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Hadassah Nadich.

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## MERCAZ NEEDS YOU

MERCAZ is the American Zionist organization of the Conservative Movement. As such, MERCAZ is the only Zionist organization in America concerned with the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism in Israel.

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## Joint Program (continued from page 1)

She travels around the country lecturing on creativity, culture, and psychoanalysis. A passionate and informed speaker, Dr. Spitz has enthralled audiences by providing insights into the beneficial interpersonal relationships that develop between adults and children through storytelling. Books discussed by Dr. Spitz in her talk will be available for purchase at the Book Fair.



## Contributions

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Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Robbins, in honor of their wedding anniversary.  
 Ms. Mary Ellen Rogers  
 Mrs. Ruth Rosenberg  
 Mr. Menachem Rosensaft, in memory of Josef Rosensaft.  
 Mrs. Alice Shapiro, in memory of her husband, Milton Shapiro.  
 Mrs. Alice Shapiro, in memory of her daughter, Barbara.  
 Mrs. Sitta Simon, in honor of her birthday.  
 Mrs. Florence Solomon, in memory of her husband, Dr. Nathan A. Solomon.  
 Mrs. Debora Staley, in honor of her birthday.  
 Mr. Robert Towers, in memory of Solomon & Rose Turetzky.  
 Mr. Seymour Ubell, praying for the speedy recovery of Carol Bracken.  
 Mr. Seymour Ubell, in memory of his mother, Hilda Ubell.  
 Mrs. Valerie Weiss  
 Ms. Brenda Wilkin, in memory of her mother, Ivy Wilkin.  
 Mr. Henry J. Zacharias, in memory of his father, Salomon Zacharias.  
 Mrs. Annette Zimmerman, in memory of her father, Abraham Fortgang.

### Synagogue Offerings (Before November 1)

Mrs. Alexander E. Arnstein, in memory of her father, Harry Manges.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ascher, in honor of Barrie Modlin.  
 Mr. Max Barandes  
 Mrs. Clarence S. Barasch, in memory of her mother, Sue Bosniak.  
 Fannie Beller, in honor of the high school being named for Rabbi Judah Nadich.  
 Fannie Beller, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Doris Benowitz  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Berger, in honor of Margot Steinberg.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bernstein, in honor of his birthday.  
 Ernestine Bernstein, in memory of Harriet Okun, daughter of Mary Friedland.  
 Fay Bernstein, in honor of Frances & Herman Berger, on their birthdays.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Blumstein, in honor of their wedding anniversary.  
 Mrs. Lippman Bodoff, in memory of her mother, Elsa Schachter.  
 Nancy, Andrew & Grace Bronstein, in honor of Emily Levine's Bat Mitzvah.  
 Dorislee Kadis Carr, in honor of her birthday.  
 Dr. Isabelie Cogan, in honor of her birthday.  
 Mr. Alan Cohen, in memory of his wife, Joan M. Cohen.  
 Mr. Howard S. Denburg, in memory of his father, Abraham Isaac Denburg.  
 Dr. Joseph G. Druss, in memory of his brother, William Druss.  
 Judge Conrad B. Duberstein, in honor of his birthday.  
 Mr. John Fisher, in memory of his mother, Martha Fisher.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Irving Friedman, in honor of Arthur Fine's birthday.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Irving Friedman, in honor of the marriage of the son of Hon. & Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Irving Friedman, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Irving Friedman, in honor of Rabbi & Mrs. David H. Lincoln, on the birth of their grand-

daughter.  
 Rosalie Friedman, in memory of Evalyn Yudkoff.  
 Mr. Joseph Fuhrman, in honor of his birthday.  
 Matilda G. Goldberg, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Ms. Faith G. Golding, in memory of Sally Lipper.  
 Mrs. Mary Goldman, in memory of her mother, Ida Gilbert.  
 Ms. Natalie Greenberg, in memory of her father, Samuel Greenberg.  
 Mrs. Paul S. Hall, in memory of her father, Harry Fine.  
 Mr. Andrew Steven Halperin, in memory of his wife, Jane Weber Halperin.  
 Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of his father, Max J. Heller.  
 Dr. Michael Jacobs, in memory of his father, Daniel Jacobs.  
 Theresa W. Jerome, in honor of Irving & Doris Kapner.  
 Mrs. Armand Joffe, in memory of her son, Raymond Edgar Gerson.  
 Abraham H. Kaplan  
 Bea & Louis Kaplan, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Doris Kapner, in memory of her sister, Marjorie Kashman.  
 Mr. Stephen Kesselman, in honor of his birthday.  
 The Kieffers, in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bessinger.  
 Mrs. Sylvia Krimko, in memory of her father, Philip Helzel.  
 Mrs. Edna Robinson Kurzrok, in memory of her husband, Leo Kurzrok.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sidney A. Laifer, in honor of their wedding anniversary.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Lehman, in memory of their son, Michael Lehman.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Leon, in memory of Mrs. Fannie Leon.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Leon, in memory of the Leon family and the Benjamin family.  
 Hanna Lyttle, praying for the speedy recovery of Dorothy Edelman.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Marrache, in honor of the naming of their daughter, Natasha Reira Marrache.  
 Mrs. Juliette Meltzer, in memory of her husband, Sam Meltzer.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Miller  
 Minnie Mittenenthal, in honor of Arthur Fine's birthday.  
 Mrs. Joseph Nadan, in memory of her father, Lloyd J. Kaufman.  
 Mr. Eric Osserman  
 Dr. Brian Pollack, in memory of his father, Jacques Pollack.  
 Dr. & Mrs. Leon Pordy, in memory of Marvin Gansberg.  
 Helen Raticoff, in honor of the honor bestowed on Rabbi Judah Nadich.  
 Ella & Sheldon Relis, in honor of Dr. Leslie Hammel, on the occasion of his being called to the Torah as Hatan Torah.  
 Hilda Rosenblum, in honor of Lite Sabin's being called to the Torah as Kallah Bereshit.  
 Lite B. Sabin, in honor of Dr. Leslie M. Hammel's being called to the Torah as Hatan Torah.  
 Lite B. Sabin, in honor of Margot S. Steinberg's being called to the Torah as Kallah Mafteret.  
 Mrs. Fannie Schaffran, in memory of her husband, Joseph Schaffran, her daughter, Lorrie Gold Schaffran, and her son, Leonard Schaffran.  
 Mr. Max L. Shulman, in honor of his birthday.  
 Mr. Lawrence G. Soicher, in memory of his father, Irving Soicher.  
 Mrs. Harold R. Starkman, in memory of her mother, Flora Levy.

(Names not listed here will appear  
in the next issue)

## Committee For The Homeless & Community Outreach

Dr. Magda Denes-Radomslis, in honor of Dr. Leslie Hammel.  
 Ms. Madelaine Felkay, in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Leslie Hammel.  
 Mrs. Clara Hammel, in honor of her husband, Dr. Leslie Hammel, on the occasion of his being honored as Hatan Torah on Simhat Torah.  
 Professor & Mrs. Milton Handler.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Leon Heller, in honor of Dr. Leslie Hammel's being honored as Hatan Torah.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Leon Heller, in honor of Lite Sabin's being honored as Kallah Bereshit.  
 Mrs. Ruth Hirschberg  
 Mr. Adam Katz  
 Mrs. Judith Kieval, in honor of the marriage of Jill Sabin to Charles Farkas Garner.  
 Ms. Marlene Nadel, in memory of her father, Hon. Bernard Nadel.  
 Ms. Gabriella Noszlopy & Dr. George T. Noszlopy, in honor of Dr. Leslie Hammel, on the occasion of his being honored as Hatan Torah on Simhat Torah.  
 Dr. & Mrs. Jack Oberman, praying for the speedy recovery of Hadassah Nadich.  
 Ronnie & David Parker, in honor of Lite Sabin, on the occasion of her being honored as Kallah Bereshit on Simhat Torah.  
 Ms. Esther Patton, in honor of Dr. Leslie Hammel.  
 Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Pearlman  
 Mrs. Sitta Simon, in memory of Leonore, sister of Jeanette Mane.  
 The Women's Evening Group, in honor of Lite Sabin's being honored as Kallah Bereshit on Simhat Torah

### Hess Rabbi's Fund

Mr. Bernard Goldberg

### High School Food Pantry

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Baron  
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 Harvey Daniels, in honor of Lite Sabin being honored as Kallah Bereshit.  
 Margaret I. Denes, in honor of Dr. Leslie M. Hammel being honored at Hatan Torah.  
 Mr. Eli Ellis  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Feinberg  
 Herb Feiweil, in memory of the father of Robert Weinstein.  
 Mr. Irwyn Gilbert.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goldfinger, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sanford J. Grobman  
 Mr. Stephen Grobman  
 Mrs. Helene Hahn, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Ms. Ilse Hahn  
 Professor Milton Handler, in honor of his birthday.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Karr  
 Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz  
 Mrs. Ethel M. Keenan, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Ms. Irene Lenard, in honor of Dr. Leslie M. Hammel being honored as Hatan Torah.  
 Susan & Laurence Lerner, in honor of Margot Steinberg being honored as Kallah Mafteret.  
 Mr. Hal Levine, in memory of his parents.  
 Florence & Jacques Levine, in honor of their granddaughter, Emily Levine's Bat Mitzvah.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Levy  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM</b> Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M. Saturday at 4:30 P.M.		<b>1</b> 7:45 A.M. Talmud & Coffee  1 P.M. Retirees Group  6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew  7:30 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew I Psalms in the Liturgy  8 P.M. Exploring Judaism	<b>2</b>  6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class  7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II  8 P.M. Talmud Course	<b>3</b>  1 P.M. Advanced Hebrew	<b>4</b>  6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Vav Grade Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Dinner  Light Candles 4:09 P.M.	<b>5</b>  9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service  9:15 A.M. Havurah Service  4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
<b>6</b>  12 Noon - 5 P.M. Book Fair 5753/1992	<b>7</b>  12 Noon - 8 P.M. Book Fair 5753/1992  6 P.M. Elementary Yiddish I  7:30 P.M. Beginner's Yiddish Conversation W.E.G. & Parents' Association Open Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:45 A.M. Talmud & Coffee  12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting  12 Noon - 8 P.M. Book Fair 5753/1992  1 P.M. Retirees Group  6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew  7:30 P.M. PAS Support Group Intermediate Hebrew I  8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting Exploring Judaism	<b>9</b>  9 A.M. Jewish Family/Child Series  12 Noon - 8 P.M. Book Fair 5753/1992  6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class  7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II  8 P.M. Talmud Course	<b>10</b>  1 P.M. Advanced Hebrew	<b>11</b>  8 P.M. 49th Annual Liturgical Music Service  Light Candles 4:09 P.M.	<b>12</b>  9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service  4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
<b>13</b>  12 Noon - 3 P.M. Men's Club Annual Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon & Party  4:30 - 6:30 P.M. Zimriya	<b>14</b>  6 P.M. Elementary Yiddish I  7:30 P.M. Beginner's Yiddish Conversation	<b>15</b> 7:45 A.M. Talmud & Coffee  1 P.M. Retirees Group  6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew  7:30 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew I  8 P.M. Exploring Judaism	<b>16</b>  1 P.M. Sisterhood Russian Jewish Festival  6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class  7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II  8 P.M. Talmud Course	<b>17</b>  1 P.M. Advanced Hebrew	<b>18</b>  6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service  8:30 P.M. PASSingles Service & Oneg Shabbat  Light Candles 4:11 P.M.	<b>19</b>  9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service  9:15 A.M. Havurah Service  Bat Mitzvah of Sara Balgley  4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study  1st Night of Hanukkah
<b>20</b>  2nd Night of Hanukkah	<b>21</b>  6 P.M. Elementary Yiddish I  7:30 P.M. Beginner's Yiddish Conversation  3rd Night of Hanukkah	<b>22</b> 7:45 A.M. Talmud & Coffee  1 P.M. Retirees Group  6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew  7:30 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew I  8 P.M. Couples Club Board Meeting  4th Night of Hanukkah	<b>23</b>  6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class  7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II Melamed Club  5th Night of Hanukkah	<b>24</b>  6th Night of Hanukkah	<b>25</b>  HOLIDAY  6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service  Light Candles 4:14 P.M.  7th Night of Hanukkah	<b>26</b>  9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service  4:30 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study  8th Night of Hanukkah
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  1 P.M. Retirees Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div> <b>THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY</b>  Library Hours:  Sundays  9:30 - 12:30 P.M.  Mondays, Tuesdays,  Thursdays  3 - 6 P.M.  Wednesdays  3:30 - 6:30 P.M. </div> <div> <b>THE PARK AVENUE JUDAICA GIFT SHOP'S SCHEDULE OF HOURS:</b>  Mon., Tues., Thurs,  11 A.M. - 5 P.M.  Weds. 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.  and Sundays  by appointment.  Please call Michael  Strauss at 410-4440. </div>	

## Synagogue Offerings (from page 6)

Mrs. Minnie Mittenthal, in memory of Ida Rosh, mother of Mrs. Sidney Silberman.  
 Mrs. Minnie Mittenthal, in honor of the high school's being named for Rabbi Judah Nadich  
 Deena J. Nelson, in honor of Anita & Stanley Glick.  
 Dr. & Mrs. Jack Oberman, in honor of Lite Sabin being honored as Kallah Bereshit.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Palevsky  
 Dr. & Mrs. Ken Pearlman  
 Mrs. Elaine Polson, in honor of her birthday.  
 Mrs. Alice Shapiro, in memory of Gertrude Goodson.  
 Mrs. Beatrice Snyder  
 Mrs. Rose Spinner  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Stern  
 Judge & Mrs. Harold Tompkins, in honor of Margo Steinberg.  
 Mr. Claude Wachter  
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### Ketmacko Library Fund

Victor & Agnes Allon, in honor of Dr. Leslie Hammel.  
 Andreas & Susanne Gal, in honor Dr. Leslie M. Hammel.  
 Dr. Leslie M. Hammel, in honor of Margot S. Steinberg's being called to the Torah as Kallah Mafteret.  
 Dr. Leslie M. Hammel, in honor of Lite B. Sabin's being called to the Torah as Kallah Bereshit.  
 Dr. Leslie M. Hammel, in memory of his father, Theodore Hammel.  
 Dr. & Mrs. I.S. Simor, in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Leslie M. Hammel

### Men's Club Educational & Cultural Scholarship Fund

Ronnie & David Parker, in honor of Margot Steinberg's honor as Kallah Mafteret.

### Nursery School Fund

Ann Hurwitz, in honor of Joanne Davis, for her wise

counsel and steadfast devotion to the schools in her role as co-chair of the school board.

Parents' Association of PAS Religious School  
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### Prayer Book Fund

Dr. Rhoda Cutler, Dr. Ethel Cutler, in memory of Samuel Cutler.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Goldfinger, in honor of the milestone birthday of Arthur Fine.  
 Susan Wasserman, in honor of her aliyah on Rosh Hashanah.

### David J. Putterman Music Fund

Beverly Walker & Marc Abitol, in honor of Cantor Lefkowitz.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael H. Putterman, in memory of his brother, Hazzan David J. Putterman.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael H. Putterman, in memory of his mother, Minnie Putterman.

### Rita & Alfred L. Rand Fund For Teachers' Benefits

Mr. Robert Adler, in honor of his birthday.  
 Mrs. Susan Silverman, in honor of her birthday.

### Rothenberg Ramah Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bennet, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Herman W. Bernstein, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Sylvia Deutsch, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Sylvia & Arthur Fine, with our deepest sympathy to Dr. Joseph Feuerburgh on the loss of his wife, Sophie.  
 Sylvia & Arthur Fine, with our deepest sympathy to Syd Rothenberg on the loss of her sister, Sophie.  
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burgh, wife of Dr. Joseph Feuerburgh, and sister of Syd Rothenberg.  
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 Mrs. Belle Klein, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Sylvia Krimko, in honor of the birthday of Frances Berger.  
 Sylvia Krimko, in honor of the birthday of Arthur Fine.  
 Mrs. Helen B. Levine, in honor of the birthday of Arthur Fine.  
 Hanna Lyttle, praying for the speedy recovery of Arthur Fine.  
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 Mrs. Murray Rothenberg, in memory of her father, David Empel.  
 Melaine Schneider, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Shevie Spero, in honor of the birthday of Frances Berger.  
 Shevie Spero, in honor of the birthday of Arthur Fine.  
 Sally Stein, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.  
 Vicki Wimpfheimer, in memory of Sophie Feuerburgh.

### Welfare Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ascher, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Melissa Crespy to Larry Kaufman.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ascher, in honor of Rabbi David Lincoln's birthday.  
 Mr. & Mrs. David C. Cook  
 Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz, in memory of their loved ones  
 Dr. & Mrs. Ken Pearlman, in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.

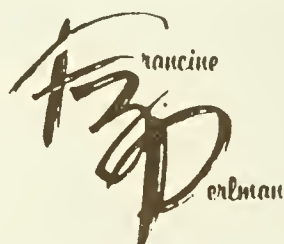
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